

in Rockville, Maryland; the FBI SWAT team assisted the Montgomery County Police Department, and FBI investigators processed the crime scene. In 2009, the American Civic Center in Binghamton, New York was the site of a mass killing when an armed subject killed 13 people. The FBI was asked to assist, and lent their Evidence Response Team, Victim Assistance program, and Behavioral Analysis unit. The FBI also assisted in the investigation to identify the student who opened fire at Virginia Technical Institute in 2007.

The FBI lent invaluable support to state and local law enforcement officials on several occasions. However, as the law currently holds, there is no specific statutory authority allowing them to do so. The Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act specifically authorizes, by statute, that which the FBI is consistently asked and expected to do.

This bill is an important measure aimed at increasing the safety and security of the American people. When faced with a mass killing or other violent crime, our state and local law enforcement officials should have access to every necessary resource in order to mitigate the situation, identify the perpetrators, and bring them to justice. In Houston, Texas, where I represent the 18th Congressional District, the FBI reports 22,491 violent crimes in 2010. I know that my constituents would appreciate knowing that their local law enforcement officials have access to the resources of the FBI, should they need them.

As a senior Member of both the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees, I have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of the American people, and this legislation does just that. I am pleased at the bipartisan manner in which this bill is being considered, and urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act.

**HONORING REVEREND AND MRS.  
LESTER COUSIN**

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Doctor Lester Cousin and his wife, Mary Katherine Simpson Cousin. Their devoted service to the Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains, New York, will be recognized at the Retirement Banquet in their honor on September 17th, 2011.

For the last 38 years, Rev. Cousin has been the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Under his leadership and vision, the church has tripled the size of its physical space—which now includes 18 classrooms, a youth church chapel, computer room, games and exercise room—and greatly expanded the spiritual and educational services it provides to meet the needs of a growing congregation.

Rev. Cousin, known fondly as the “Senior Pastor of White Plains” because of his long tenure, also carries out his ministry in the broader community. He served as Chaplain for the White Plains Police and Fire Departments for 25 years, a Commissioner for the Public Access Cable TV Commission for seven terms, Treasurer of the Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains and Vicinity, and is an active member of the White Plains/

Greenburgh NAACP. He assists with the Pastoral Care Ministry of the White Plains Hospital Center and the Chaplain Staff at the Norwood E. Jackson Correctional Facility in Valhalla, New York, and has chaired the Annual Neighborhood Health Fair which his church co-sponsors annually. Rev. Cousin also is a member of the Advisory Board of the Schnurmacher Nursing Home and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of S.H.O.R.E. (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility).

Rev. Cousin has been the worthy recipient of countless certificates, citations and honors. In 1987 he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also a nationally known Gospel singer and recording artist.

Rev. Cousin and Mrs. Cousin, who have been married for 58 years, are deeply committed to serving their church and our community at large. I am proud to recognize Reverend Doctor Lester Cousin and Mrs. Mary Katherine Simpson Cousin for their almost four decades of inspirational leadership and example, hard work and dedication, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring their many contributions to the spiritual and civic life of White Plains and Westchester County.

**COMMENDING MRS. RUTH  
BROUSSARD**

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a true living legend. This September, Mrs. Ruth Broussard will be honored by her induction into the “Order of Living Legends.” Mrs. Broussard’s dedication to the Acadian Museum, her town of Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, and the Acadian community as a whole make her deserving of this recognition.

After the completion of Mrs. Broussard’s Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University, she began her career as an educator in Lake Charles before returning to her birth town of Kaplan, La. Upon her return to Kaplan she became an active member of her community by joining the La Clique D’ Etud where she organized many fundraising drives to help raise money for cancer research, and by forming the first Girl Scout Troop. Shortly after marrying her late husband, Justin John Broussard in 1941, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and they were briefly relocated to Galveston, Texas while he served his country. Upon their return to the state they so dearly loved, they made their new home in Abbeville, La. where they raised 3 children, Jay, Rebecca, and Eric. It did not take long for Mrs. Broussard to once again become an active part of her community. Over the years she has played an important role in many local organizations throughout the Acadian region, such as the Vermillion Historical Society, which reflects her love for history and the history surrounding South La., serving as chairman of the Executive Committee for the Acadian Museum, her founding role of the Abbeville Tour Guides, a member of the St. Anne Alter Society, her involvement with the historic St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church that she loves so much, and is a member of the Abbeville Arts

Council, as well as being a very talented artist in her own right. In addition to her numerous roles of community service, she continued teaching elementary students for 18 years at Eaton Park Elementary. Mrs. Broussard’s strong belief and value of education continues to be evident as she recently, at the young age of 93, began taking continuing education classes at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Altruistic service and commitment to one’s community like Mrs. Broussard’s are what make our Bayou State’s rich history transparent. The love for her culture and region has created a lifelong passion for service to her community and state. I ask my colleagues to join me in passing good wishes to a true living legend, Mrs. Ruth Broussard.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 2010, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was unavoidably detained out of town: rollcall vote No. 695—on agreeing to the Hunter amendment; rollcall vote No. 696—on agreeing to the Carney amendment; rollcall vote No. 697—on motion to recommit H.R. 1892; and rollcall vote 698, on final passage of H.R. 1892. All of these rollcall votes were related to H.R. 1892, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

If present, I would have voted “aye” on all four rollcall votes.

**IN HONOR OF CHABOT COLLEGE’S  
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of Chabot College in Hayward, California. Chabot College was the first college opened by the Chabot-Las Postas Community College District. On January 10, 1961 voters approved the formation of a junior college district, with the first board of trustees elected on April 18, 1961.

Chabot College opened for classes on September 11, 1961, on a 7.5-acre temporary site in San Leandro, California and an enrollment of 1,163 students. On September 20, 1965 students began classes on the 94-acre Chabot College site in Hayward. Today, Chabot has an enrollment of close to 15,000 students and is a fully accredited institution that offers a curriculum of over 175 majors of study spread among its six academic divisions.

Fostering civic responsibility is one of the college-wide learning goals of Chabot. During the 2010 fall semester, senior faculty in the Administration of Justice and Political Science engaged in discussions about ways to revive the culture of civic engagement and service learning at the college. A key outcome of those discussions was an idea for a course in Law and Democracy as well as a Law and

Democracy lecture series. California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer will deliver the inaugural lecture in this series on September 15, 2011 and the first Law and Democracy course will be offered during the Fall Semester of 2012.

Lockyer's Law and Democracy lecture will be the keynote event of a weeklong celebration and will kick-off three days of student-centered community engagement events that will culminate on Citizenship/Constitution Day on September 17, 2011. In conjunction with these other events, Chabot will provide its students with a training program in community organizing on September 16th and 17th.

A primary goal of the Law and Democracy lecture series is to expose Chabot College students, and the broader community, to a wide range of ideas and policy issues that impact their communities. Additionally, the organizers of the lecture series hope to help initiate conversations in the college and community about civic participation and responsibility.

I offer my congratulations to Chabot College on its 50th anniversary and for the launch of its curriculum in Law and Democracy and its Democracy Lecture series. Chabot is committed to nurturing an awareness of the importance of active civic engagement and responsibility in its students. I send best wishes for every success.

#### EASTERN IOWA'S VETERANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

#### HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today I have the great honor of welcoming to our nation's capital ninety Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation. Accompanied by seventy volunteer guardians, these veterans have travelled to Washington, DC, to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many if not all of these veterans, today will be the first time they have seen the National World War II Memorial. I can think of no greater honor than to be there when they see their memorial for the first time and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial. That piece of marble, just like the memorial that it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that we hold so dear. They did so as one people and one country. It is still awe inspiring today.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome Eastern Iowa's veterans of the Second World War

to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

#### CONGRATULATING WILMER RAY BAILEY

#### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Wilmer Ray Bailey for being selected as a recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award for Cooperative Weather Observing. This award is testament that Wilmer is a true leader for his volunteer service to National Weather Service in Jena, La.

Wilmer has served as a volunteer weather observer for over 43 years, working closely with the local forecast office and serving his community as a long-standing reliable resource for weather and storm information. In addition, he served Louisiana for 30 years as a fire protection coordinator and dispatcher with the state's Office of Agriculture and Forestry. He works with the National Weather Service in Shreveport by giving accurate, timely, and reliable weather observations, but also as a trained Storm Spotter. Wilmer provides the irreplaceable service of relaying important and potentially dangerous weather conditions and damage reports from his community, which is hard hit by hazardous weather on a regular basis.

He is an example of how one person can affect the lives of many, and I commend Wilmer for his hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Wilmer Ray Bailey for this significant achievement.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HILLS HOSPITAL'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Hills Hospital as it has been providing excellent health care services to northeast Tarrant County for 50 years.

Originally named Glenview Hospital, North Hills Hospital was founded by six family physicians in 1961 with initial funding provided by Rice University of Houston. When the hospital opened, it was the first suburban hospital in Northeast Tarrant County, and only the second hospital within the county to be located outside of downtown Fort Worth. In 1983 the facilities were moved to the current location in North Richland Hills and renamed as North Hills Hospital.

In the late 1990s the North Hills Hospital accomplished the impressive feat of becoming one of the only hospitals to score a perfect score on the Joint Commission Accrediting Survey. This hospital's commitment to stellar healthcare service is evident as it became the first hospital in the United States to achieve a Level 2 Chest Pain Center as well as the first

hospital in Tarrant County to be named a Center of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery.

In order to improve upon their already outstanding healthcare services, North Hills Hospital now offers less invasive and highly innovative robotic surgery. Additionally, the hospital has implemented a \$33 million hospital expansion to provide better convenience for their patients.

Since its inception, North Hills Hospital has grown more than three-fold, expanding from a 50-bed facility to a 176-bed hospital with 700 employees and 400 physicians.

I am honored to represent the staff, physicians, administration and patients of North Hills Hospital as the representative of Texas's 26th district and celebrate the hospital's 50 years of commitment to health care.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND NORWOOD RICHARD CUFF

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Norwood Cuff for his thirty years of dedication to the ministry. On September 10, 2011, members of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church in Long Branch, New Jersey will gather to recognize his devotion to members of the congregation. His thirty years of dedication and commitment to his faith and community are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Rev. Cuff is an esteemed member of Salem High School's class of 1965. Beginning just eight months after graduation, he faithfully served his country as a member of the United States Navy. After completing his tour of duty, Rev. Cuff attained various retail positions before answering a strong religious calling. Rev. Cuff became an active member of Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal (AME) in Salem, New Jersey, filling the role of church organist. Under the pastoral leadership of Rev. John Boxley and the Mt. Pisgah church family, Rev. Cuff was recommended as a member to the New Jersey Conference Ministerial Institute of the AME Church. Shortly after, Rev. Cuff enrolled at Philadelphia College of Bible and completed his degree in 1984. In 1988, he graduated from the International Seminary with a Masters degree in Biblical Studies. He was later ordained as an Itinerant Deacon during his third year in the Ministerial Institute of the AME Church. Rev. Cuff would later preside as Pastor at Bethel AME Church in Port Norris, New Jersey upon completion of his post graduate studies. He was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the AME Church by Bishop Frank Cummings in 1984 and was later assigned the Pastor of St. Mark AME Church in Lindenwood, New Jersey. After two years of service, he was reassigned to Mt. Zion AME Church in Woodstown, New Jersey where he remained for twenty-two years. Rev. Cuff currently serves as Pastor at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch, New Jersey.

In addition to his religious service, Rev. Cuff was an admirable member of the West Deptford High School staff for fifteen years and officially retired from his position at the Woodbury Junior Senior High School in 2008. Among many worthy organizations, Rev. Cuff